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SUBJ: LOS EVENSEN'S PLANS FOR EVENSEN GROUP

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1. LOS MINISTER EVENSEN WILL BE WRITING TO MEMBERS OF THE EVENSEN GROUP TO SUGGEST THREE INTERIM MEETINGS OF THE GROUP PRIOR TO THE NEXT SESSION OF THE LOS CONFERENCE IN NEW YORK IN MARACH 1976-- IN GENEVA IN AUGUST 25- SEPT 7; IN NEW YORK DURING THE LAST PART OF NOVEMBER; AND IN NEW YORK IN JANUARY/FEBRUARY. ACCORDING TO ARNE TREHOLT, EVENSEN'S POLITICAL SECRETARY, EVENSEN WILL ALSO SUGGEST THAT THESE MEETINGS SHOULD BE OPEN TO ANY COUNTRY WHICH WISHES TO PARTICIPATE IN ORDER TO SOFTEN CRITICISM OF THE EXCLUSIVITY OF THE EVENSEN GROUP WHICH AROSE AT THE END OF THE GENEVA LOS CONFERENCE AND TO GET MORE PARTICIPATION FROM THE GROUP OF 77. TREHOLT SAYS THAT EVENSEN RECOGNIZES THAT THIS COULD UNDERMINE THE ROLE OF THE EVENSEN GROUP AS A RELATIVELY CONFIDENTIAL

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SMALL NEGOTIATING BODY AT THE NEXT LOS CONFERENCE, BUT

VELIEVES THIS IS WORTH RISKING AND THAT FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS AND OTHER PRIORITIES WILL LIMIT LDC ATTENDANCE AT THE THREE INTERIM MEETINGS.

2. EVENSEN WILL ALSO SUGGEST THAT THE FIRST INTERIM MEETING BE CONFINED TO SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH AND MARINE POLLUTION; THE SECOND INTERIM MEETING TO SUBJECTS DEALT WITH BY THE SECOND COMMITTEE AT THE LOS CONFERENCE, ESPECIALLY COASTAL AND DISADVANTAGED STATE RIGHTS, THE DEFINITION OF CONTINENTAL MARGINS, STRAITS, AND ARCHIPELAGOS; AND THE THIRD INTERIM MEETING TO QUESTIONS OF THE DEEP SEA BED REGIME, ITS COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURE. MEXICO HAS SUGGESTED THAT THE FIRST INTERIM COMMITTEE MEETING BE HELD IN MEXICO CITY INSTEAD OF GENEVA, AND THE SOVIETS HAVE SUGGESTED AN AFRICAN SITE SUCH AS NAIROBI TO BRING IN THE 77.

3. EVENSEN WOULD APPRECIATE EARLY RESPONSE TO HIS REQUEST FOR CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON ON AUGUST 11 AND 12. HE WOULD PREFER TO VISIT WASHINGTON BEFORE MEXICO CITY AND OTTAWA AND AGREES THERE ARE ADVANTAGES TO DOING SO, BUT MUST FIRM UP HIS SCHEDULE BEFORE HE LEAVES FOR TRANS-ATLANTIC SAILING TRIP WHICH WILL BRING HIM TO MIAMI ON AUGUST 8. HE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AFTER JUNE 23 AND LEAVES NORWAY JULY 4. ONLY NEW DEVELOPMENTS ARE VISIT TO MOSCOW REPORTED OSLO AND THE SCHEDULING OF TALKS WITH ICELAND IN REYKJAVIK ON JUNE 11.

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